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NAME CHICAGOANS IN A BOMB PLOT

Federal Officers Investigate
Sworn Charge That Huge
Conspiracy Centers There.

AFFIDAVIT RELATES DETAILS

Explosives Made in Chicago by Pro-Germans Are Said to Be Used to Blow Up Factories—Discovery Made by Accident.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Information to the effect that eleven Chicagoans of German extraction, some of them prominent, are engaged in the manufacture in this city of explosives for use in blowing up plants in which ammunition and other war materials are manufactured, has been placed in the hands of a government official in the form of an affidavit and was turned over to Hinton G. Clabaugh, chief of the local bureau of investigation of the department of justice.

The affidavit is said to have been made and turned over to the government official with great secrecy. Its author is described as a young man who was born in the United States, but whose parents came from France. He succeeded in getting into the secrets of the eleven men he names through using an assumed name and representing himself as a German.

Describes Gigantic Plot.
The affidavit made by him is said to go into great detail and describes Chicago as the center of a gigantic pro-German plot. It is declared that already great quantities of explosives have been made in Chicago and shipped to other parts of the country to be used in the destruction of munitions plants. The men who actually do the work of dynamiting the plants, it is said, act directly under the instructions of the Chicagoans.

It was said at the federal building that until verification can be made of the information contained in the affidavit, no disclosures will be forthcoming regarding its contents. The alleged plot is said to be in no way connected with the purported activities of the national peace conference, now under investigation by agents of the department of justice, chiefly in New York.

Discovery is Accidental.
The man making the affidavit, according to a government official, accidentally came upon the alleged plot through a woman acquaintance. The woman brought him into touch with a man who confided in him slightly. The curiosity of the author of the affidavit was aroused and he expressed himself as being in sympathy with the cause of Germany.

As other disclosures came to him he determined, he said, for patriotic motives toward the United States, as well as for a love for the land of his parents, to learn the extent of the alleged plot. One of the first things he was told was that the activities of the men in the plot were as closely guarded as are those of the most powerful secret society.

YUAN SHI-KAI TAKES THRONE

President of China Refuses the First Offer, but Accepts on Second Invitation.

Peking, Dec. 13.—Yuan Shi-Kai, president of the Chinese republic, has refused the throne of China tendered to him by the council of state.

He was, however, urged by the council to canvass the vote on the part of the council in the form of the change of China to a monarchy and that the votes of 1,993 representatives out of 2,043 qualified to vote on the proposition were favorable to the change.

The council of state immediately turned to Yuan Shi-Kai a petition urging him to accept the throne. He declined at first, but when the petition was forwarded to him a second time he accepted, with the proviso that he would continue to act as president until a convenient time for the coronation.

BLAST WRECKS ARMS PLANT

Munitions Factory of Belgian Government Destroyed by Explosion—Many Persons Injured.

Havrre, Dec. 13.—The munitions factories of the Belgian government here were destroyed by an explosion, extensive damage was done, and many persons were injured. All the employees were at work when a detonation occurred in one of the buildings containing a supply of powder and shrapnel.

AUSTRIAN AIRMEN IN RAID

Kill Two Persons and Injure Ten at Ancona—Aeroplanes Fly From Warships.

Rome, Dec. 13.—Two persons were killed and ten injured at Ancona Friday by an aerial bombardment carried out by Austrian aeroplanes. Four aeroplanes flew from warships off Ancona and dropped a number of bombs on the city. The air craft then returned to the warships, which sailed northward in the Adriatic.

FRANK A. VANDERLIP



Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York and one of the organizers of the \$50,000,000 American International corporation, warns American manufacturers that war profits may stop before the war does because of the inability of Europe to pay us.

ASKS SAFE CONDUCT

U. S. Requests Allies to Allow German Attaches to Pass.

Officials Gratified Over Outcome of a Situation Apparently Fought With Serious Difficulties.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Secretary Lansing has asked Great Britain and France, through their embassies here, for safe conduct for Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papen, respectively, naval and military attaches of the German embassy here, pursuant to the request of Emperor William, who has personally recalled the officers. Without the draw of the attaches had been requested by the secretary because of their alleged activities which rendered them persona non grata to the American government.

Official announcement of Emperor William's action was made by Secretary Lansing after receiving a communication from the German foreign office through Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador. The emperor also requested safe conduct for the successors of Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papen, who will be named later. Action on this, however, will await the naming of the successors. Officials were plainly gratified over the outcome of a situation that had apparently been fraught with serious difficulties. As a result Secretary Lansing is free to take up again negotiations with Germany for settlement of the Lusitania controversy and the cases of other foreign diplomatic and consular officers. It is expected that the case of Alexander von Nubel, Austrian consul general at New York, will be the first to be settled.

PRICES SOARING IN GERMANY

Some of the Common Food Commodities Increased From 20 to 270 Per Cent.

London Dec. 13.—The Berlin Tageliche Rundschau gives the following percentages of the increases in the price of some of the commoner commodities in Germany in August, 1915, as compared with August, 1913: Butter, 66 per cent; Margarine, 33; dripping, 176; herrings, 46; ham, 66; fat bacon, 140; onions, 270; white beans, 172; peas, 180; wheat flour, 44; rice, 172; sugar, 21.

SEES PROSPERITY IN LAND

Heads of Six Insurance Companies Declare War is a Natural Reaction.

New York, Dec. 13.—Real prosperity is sweeping the entire country in the opinion of the presidents of six of the largest life insurance companies in the United States. Prosperity is due to orders from European nations for war supplies, but, in other sections of the country, the condition, they said, is the natural reaction from the depression that followed the outbreak of the war.

STEAMER BUSIRIA SUNK

London, Dec. 13.—The British steamer Busiria was sunk by an Austrian submarine in the Mediterranean on Friday. The crew was permitted to launch the steamer's boats, and these arrived at Alexandria.

Antiwar Riots in Berlin.
Amsterdam, Dec. 13.—Fresh antiwar manifestations have occurred in Berlin, according to the Telegraf. The war police dispersed a crowd of 3,000.

GREECE YIELDS TO THE ALLIES

Hellenic Armies to Be Demobilized; Decisive Move Believed Near.

ENTENTE POWERS THREATEN

Athens Cabinet Decides to Grant Requests—Expected That Withdrawal of Greek Troops From Saloniki Region Will Now Begin.

Zurich, Dec. 13.—German papers received here state that Bulgarian troops have been instructed not to pass the Greek frontier. This indicates, according to Swiss military experts, that only Austro-German troops will be used in the campaign against Saloniki.

Athens, Dec. 13.—At a cabinet meeting here it was decided to grant requests made by the entente ministers relating to demobilization of the Greek forces now at Saloniki, according to an announcement issued to the Athens newspapers.

Paris, Dec. 13.—Greece has yielded to the demands of the allies; a large part of the Hellenic army will be demobilized; withdrawal of Greek troops now in the region of Saloniki will begin immediately.

Announcement is Semi-Official.
This information came to Paris in a semi-official dispatch from Athens. The decision of the Greek government is said to have been reached after ministers of the entente powers had given notice that all Greek troops would be blockaded unless the allies were assured of complete liberty of military action.

New demands, said to have taken the nature of an ultimatum were presented at Athens Friday. These insisted upon withdrawal of the Greek troops concentrated at Saloniki. With Greece hesitating as to whether it should join the entente or central powers, its military forces were a source of danger to the allied troops while at Saloniki.

Anxiety Relieved.
In view of the official admission that the Anglo-French troops in Serbia had fallen back toward Saloniki, the news from Athens relieved the tense anxiety that has been felt here. It is reported that the surrender of Greece to the chief demands of the entente nations will simplify greatly the problems which confronted the war council of the allies.

BULGARS TAKE SOME ALLIES

Sofia Reports Severe Rear Guard Actions and Desperate Hand-to-Hand Fighting.

Sofia, Dec. 13.—It is officially announced by the Bulgarian war office that the Anglo-French troops in southern Serbia began falling back toward the Greek border on Wednesday. Severe rear guard actions have been fought between the Bulgars and allies. There was desperate hand-to-hand fighting in the streets of Grndzen. The capture of a number of prisoners is also reported.

NEW CANAL DREDGING MARKS

1,228,730 Cubic Yards Removed in Galliard Cut—1,004,490 in Culebra Slide.

Washington, Dec. 13.—New high marks in November for monthly dredging were set in both the Galliard cut and the Culebra slides, says the current issue of the Canal Record. A total of 1,228,730 cubic yards of earth was removed in the Galliard cut and 1,004,490 from the Culebra slides, or more than 150,000 cubic yards in excess of October figures for each place.

VILLA ELUDES CARRANZA MEN

Revolutionary Leader Arrives at Madera and Declares Intention to Carry on Conflict.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 13.—Gen. Francisco Villa has eluded the Carranza forces seeking his capture. He arrived at Madera and immediately got into communication with Juarez, his base of operations. Despite the collapse of his Sonora campaign, Villa declared his intention of carrying on the conflict with Carranza.

RAID BIG ART INSTITUTE

Loose Robber Takes \$50,000 Jewel Collection at Chicago—Skylight Used for Entrance.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—A lone thief raided the Art Institute, boldly smashed a glass display case and vanished with a gem collection valued at from \$30,000 to \$50,000.

A rope dangling from the skylight, from which a pane had been cut with a diamond was the only clue.

TO PASS GERMAN DYES

Washington, Dec. 13.—The state department announced that Great Britain has consented to allow two cargoes of dye stuffs to come through to this country from Germany provided they are consigned to Secretary of Commerce Redfield.

EDWIN Y. WEBB



Congressman Edwin Y. Webb of North Carolina, as chairman of the house judiciary committee, helped the cause of woman suffrage to the extent of granting a hearing on the Susan B. Anthony amendment before his committee.

AERIAL MAIL SERVICE

Establishment of Airship Routes Awaits Appropriation.

Postmaster General Burleson Believes Aircraft Will Solve Many Vexing Postal Problems.

Washington, Dec. 13.—An aerial mail service will be a realized dream as soon as congress appropriates the necessary amount of money to start the service. The post office department now has under consideration a plan for the establishment of a number of aerial mail routes, which include a route from Key West, Fla., to Havana. This route will require an overseas flight of 100 miles.

Postmaster General Burleson is especially interested in the establishment of aerial mail service and believes the aeroplane is destined to solve many a postal problem at present made vexing by the lack of transportation facilities. The speed of mail transmission can be greatly increased by aviation, the department believes.

Among the more important routes which the post office department has selected for the initiation of aerial mail service, as soon as congress furnishes money for the experiment, are the following:

West Bedford, Mass., to Nantucket Island; Philadelphia to Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Albany, N. Y., to Lake Placid, N. Y.; Albany to Lake George, N. Y.; Sag Harbor, N. Y., to New London, Conn.; Harrisburg, Ill., to Elizabethtown, Ill.; Perquimans, Mo., to Pearl, Ill.; Rolla, Mo., to Cabool, Mo.; Santa Maria, Cal., to Shale, Cal.; Detroit to Pontiac, Mich.; Toledo, O., to Detroit, Mich.; Galveston, Tex., to Wallisville, Tex. The greatest distance covered by any of these routes is 112 miles, the airline distance from Albany to Lake Placid.

YAQUI INDIANS ON WARPATH

American Company Sends Urgent Call for Protection—Cruiser Raleigh Ordered to Scene.

Topolobampo, Mex., via radio to San Diego, Cal., Dec. 13.—Yaqui Indians are on the warpath and are raiding the American settlement in the Yaqui valley, according to reports just received from Guaymas. The Richardson Construction company, which owns approximately 1,000,000 acres in the valley, has sent out an appeal to the American consul at Guaymas, asking that protection be immediately furnished.

Admiral Winslow, who is here with the cruiser San Diego, has directed the cruiser Raleigh, bound from Guaymas to Topolobampo, to proceed to Topolobampo, which is the nearest approach to the American settlement.

ATTACKED FROM SEA AND AIR

French Ship Reports Bombardment from Submarine and Aeroplane in the Mediterranean.

Marseilles, Dec. 13.—The officers of the French steamer Harmonie, which has arrived here, state that the vessel was attacked recently by an Austrian submarine. The submarine fired two torpedoes, which were without effect, and then withdrew. The next day the Harmonie was attacked by an aeroplane that flew overhead for a quarter of an hour and dropped six bombs, all of which fell into the sea.

BERLIN POST SUPPRESSED

London, Dec. 13.—General von Kessel, commander at Berlin, has prohibited further publication of the Post, the leading conservative newspaper, says the American correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company. "Its offense was an article hostile to any form of peace unless Germany retains all the occupied territory."

BIG FIGHT IS NOW PROMISED

SAID TO BE MUCH OPPOSITION TO PROFIT SHARING AMONG AGENTS.

CO-OPERATE WITH DEPARTMENT

Purpose of Plan is To Interest Agents in Writing Only Desirable Insurance.

(Special Frankfurt Correspondence.)

Frankfurt.—A big fight is in prospect before the general assembly over the proposed profit-sharing commission for fire insurance agents, which would make them for all practical purposes a contingent of the state fire marshal's force, and which, it is expected, will be recommended by the commission now codifying the insurance laws. Agents are protesting against this feature of the proposed law, because, they insist, it is yet in the experimental stage, and it made compulsory by law, they will have no means of discarding the system without an amendment to the law, if it proves unsatisfactory.

Under that plan, instead of receiving whatever per cent of the premium their commission now is, they would receive, perhaps, 10 per cent commission, and at the end of the year a commission based on the profits to the company on the business written by them during the year. The purpose of agents in writing only the desirable risks, to avoid overinsuring property and to stimulate them to co-operate with the insurance department in encouraging people to remedy fire hazards. If the agents, it is argued, share in the profits of the business, and lose this share if the losses eat up the profits, they will be interested in reducing losses to a minimum.

State Board Meets.

James P. Lewis is secretary of state elect. The state board of election commissioners met here and completed the canvass of the vote in the state election, interrupted by the injunction issued to State Superintendent Barksdale Hamlett and afterwards dissolved by Judge Stout. According to the count, Lewis won by 115 votes, and the certificate of election was issued to him. Mr. Lewis is the only Republican elected, and by virtue of his office he will be a member of the sinking fund, capitol and printing commissions and of the state board of valuation and assessment, which assesses the franchises of common carriers. The salary of the office under the act of 1912 will be \$4,000, an increase of \$1,000, and the secretary of state has an appropriation of \$10,000 for clerk hire.

Payments of Taxes.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. and the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Co. paid into the state treasury taxes on their admitted franchise value. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. was assessed at \$42,288,383 by the state board of valuation and assessment. The company paid into the treasury \$89,898.41 on their admitted franchise value of \$16,245,166.57. The franchise of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Co. was assessed at \$19,063,450. The company paid into the treasury \$42,588.40, an admitted franchise value of \$7,748,350.

Consider Taxes Excessive.

For the fourth consecutive year suits will be brought in the federal court here by railroads to enjoin the collection of taxes on what they consider excessive franchise assessments. The Louisville & Nashville and Chesapeake & Ohio laid the ground for suits by paying to the state auditor taxes on what they consider a fair valuation of their franchises and will sue to enjoin the collection on the balance and to enjoin the certification of it to taxing districts.

Garnett's Portrait Unveiled.

According to a custom in the department to hang the portrait of the outgoing attorney general on the office wall, a portrait of Atty Gen. James Garnett was unveiled in his private office in the presence of the office force Mrs. Garnett and T. B. McGee, Atty. Gen.-elect Logan and Gen. Garnett's opponent Robert Caldwell, of Louisville, youngest assistant, made the speech of the occasion.

Host of Applicants.

The state election commission met and granted the certificates of election of secretary of state to Judge James P. Lewis. Judge Lewis left for Whitesburg, to remain until after December 20. "I will not consider applications for appointments in my office until I return," he said. Applications are being made at the rate of 25 a day.

Honored in Chicago.

Commissioner of Agriculture J. W. Newman and Dr. S. F. Musselman returned from Chicago, where they attended a conference on foot and mouth disease called by the Federal Department of Agriculture. Both were honored at meetings held while they were there. Commissioner Newman was elected secretary of the Board of Appeals of the American Association of Fairs and Expositions and Dr. Musselman was elected a vice president of the National Livestock Sanitary Association.

CLOUD HOVERING

DANGER OF SPLIT SEEN BEHIND NOTE ON SHIP ATTACK—CALL FOR REPARATION.

Torpedoing Assailed as "Barbarous."—Ruler Ordered to Punish Head of Submarine Crew.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington.—The United States, in a note to the Austrian Government, made public demands that the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona, with the loss of several American lives, be denounced by the Austrian Government "as an illegal and indefensible act; that the officer who perpetrated the deed be punished and that reparation be made for the citizens of the United States who were killed or injured by the attack on the vessel." This note is the first to contain the word "demand." Moreover, it is the shortest and most trenchant document ever written by the United States as the result of submarine attacks. This Government demands that the Austrian Government act "promptly" and respond. These demands follow a statement informing Austria-Hungary that "the good relations of the two countries must rest upon a common regard for law and humanity." The note arraigns the shelling and torpedoing of the liner as "inhuman, barbarous and a wanton slaughter of helpless men, women and children."

MOVIE THRILLER IS VERY TAME.

Cleveland, O.—Thrilling scenes, conceived in dare-devil artistry of motion pictures, were dramatically overshadowed in real life when two men in the midst of a death plunge from a wrecked scaffold on the side of the Hollenden Hotel hung perilously between earth and sky as a horrified crowd looked on. A rope snapped, and the narrow board scaffold it held dropped like a trapdoor snatched from under the feet of the two workmen on it. There was a scream, shriek of terror, and a body hurtled through the air toward the ground, more than 300 feet below.

VILLA PRISONERS ARE SHOT.

Douglas, Arizona.—No quarter was given Villa soldiers in the battle which started at Fronteras, continued northward to San Joaquin and then east through a mountain pass into Chihuahua, according to Americans who arrived from the south. Villa soldiers taken prisoners were shot by order of Gen. P. Elias Calles and Gen. Angel Flores, Governors of Sonora and Sinaloa, respectively, according to the travelers. They said the wholesale executions were ordered to punish the Villa troops for looting.

CINCINNATI MARKETS

Wheat—No. 2 red \$1.17@1.19, No. 3 \$1.12@1.15, No. 4 \$1.05@1.12.

Corn—Quotations on new: No. 1 white 67c, No. 2 white 66½@67c, No. 1 yellow 67c, No. 2 yellow 66½@67c, No. 1 mixed 67c, No. 2 mixed 66½@67c.

Oats—No. 2 white 44½@45½c, standard white 43½@44c, No. 3 white 42@42½c, No. 4 white 40@40½c, No. 2 mixed 41@42c, No. 3 mixed 40@41c, No. 4 mixed 38@39c.

Hay—No. 1 timothy \$19.50, No. 2 \$17.50, No. 3 \$16.50, No. 1 clover mixed \$15@15.50, No. 2 \$14, No. 1 clover \$13, No. 2 \$11.

Eggs—Prime firsts 32c, firsts 31c, ordinary firsts 29c, seconds 28c.

Poultry—Broilers, 2 lbs and under, 16c; fryers, over 2 lbs, 12c; roasting chickens, 4 lbs and over, 12c; fowls, 5 lbs and over, 12½c; under 5 lbs 11c; under 3½ lbs, 10c; roosters, 9c; ducks, white, 3 lbs and over, 15½c; under 3 lbs, 14½c; colored, 13@14c; hen turkeys, 8 lbs and over, 20c; young turkeys, 19 lbs and over, 20c; old tom turkeys, 19 lbs and over, 19c.

Cattle—Shippers \$6@8, butcher steers, extra \$7.25@7.75, good to choice \$6.25@7.25, common to fair \$4.50@6, heifers, extra \$6.75@7, good to choice \$6@6.55, common to fair \$4.50@5.75; cows, extra \$5.50@5.75, good to choice \$4.50@5.35, common to fair \$3.50@4.50; canners \$3.35, stockers and feeders \$4@6.75.

Bulls—Bologna \$5@5.50, extra \$5.60@5.75, fat bulls \$5.75@6.

Calves—Extra \$9.50, fair to good \$6.50@9.50, common and large \$4@5.25.

Hogs—Selected heavy shippers \$6.70@6.75, good to choice packers and butchers \$6.60@6.85, mixed packers \$6.35@6.60, stage \$3.75@5, common to choice heavy fat sows \$5@6.25, light shippers \$5.90@6.15, pigs (110 lbs and less) \$2.50@5.50.

Sheep—Extra \$5.75@5.85, good to choice \$5.35@5.65, common to fair \$3@3.90.

Lambs—Extra \$9.25, good to choice \$8.95@9.15, common to fair \$5.15@7.75, culls \$5.50@6.50.

U. S. SCENT ANOTHER PLOT.

Norfolk, Va.—With the arrest of Private A. Anderson, of the Sixty-ninth Company, Coast artillery, of Fortress Monroe, accused of accepting pay from a stranger and permitting him to take photographs of one of the most formidable batteries in the fort, it is reported that the government agents are another plot in which foreign agents are said to be implicated. Anderson's arrest was made by special agents of the department of justice, it is said.

I. C. Johnston Dead.

Isaac C. Johnston died suddenly on the head of Stacy Fork of Caney Tuesday night. He was cooking at the camp of Spencer and Foreman, who are drilling an oil well at that place. He retired early in apparent good health, but became suddenly ill a short time afterward, dying about 10 o'clock. Will Foreman was the only person with him when he died.

He was 61 years old the 2nd day of Sept. 1915, and is survived by one son, three daughters, four brothers and three sisters. His wife, who was Miss Sarah Short, died several years ago.

"Ike," as he was familiarly called, had lived most of his life in and near West Liberty, and it is no exaggeration to say that no man had more friends in Morgan county than he. He was honest, hardworking and unobtrusive, and always had a kind word for all he met. He was not rich in worldly possessions; he made his living by daily labor, and perhaps will not be buried in as costly a casket nor have as imposing a funeral as the more favored of the world, but his mourners will be as many and their grief just as sincere as if he had been possessed of millions.

The remains will be laid to rest to-day (Thursday) in the Elam graveyard one mile east of West Liberty.

Run Away With Mail Wagon.

Gus Duvall, of Elliott county, got off the train at Wrigley Tuesday morning somewhat under the influence of liquor, and wishing to go to Sandy Hook before the mail hack was ready to start appropriated the team and wagon to his own use. He jumped on the off horse and started up the road, and when the driver, John Adkins, seized the lead horse by the bits and tried to stop the team Duvall stuck a knife in the horse's side, causing him to plunge and break away from Mr. Adkins. The amateur bandit then drove up the North Fork in the direction of Sandy Hook at full speed. The wagon and team were recovered later on but Duvall escaped and at last report had not been apprehended.

One of the horses was so badly hurt that it is thought it will die.

Leases Hotel.

W. G. Franklin has leased the People's Hotel at Morehead and will take charge February 1. Mrs. Franklin and two sons Earl and Jesse will run the hotel and Mr. Franklin will remain on the road traveling for the Jeff Newberry Co.

Mrs. Franklin and sons, Jesse and Durward, and daughters, Georgia and Nell, are now in Florida but will return about the 15 of January.

Rolla Rose Injured.

Word was received here that Rolla Rose was kicked and seriously injured at Redwine Tuesday. We did not learn the particulars, but it seems that he was working in the coal mine and a mule kicked him, striking him over the heart. His brother, H. C. Rose, left for Redwine early Wednesday morning.

The Youth's Companion Calendar For 1916.

The publishers of The Youth's Companion will, as always at this season, present to every subscriber whose subscription is paid for 1916, a Calendar for the new year. It is a gem of calendar-making. The decorative mounting is rich, but the main purpose has been to produce a calendar that is useful, and that purpose has been achieved.

Don't buy all your Xmas presents until you have seen the display of presents on sale Dec. 18 in the basement of the M. E. church, South.

Everybody come. Doors open at 10 a. m.